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Examiner: Dady CheryREMARKS

Claim 1 remain in this application.

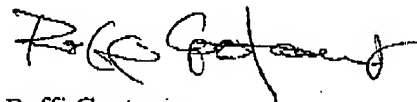
The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota (5,056,090) in view of Bell (4,719,625).

Applicant does not believe that the transmission controller in Kubota is an encoder that encodes to generate a respective second signal for sending to a respective subscriber as with the currently pending claim 1. However, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant invention, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the following limitations: receiving, in each encoder, a third signal from the second source, generating, from each encoder, a fourth signal based on the third signal, and receiving and examining the fourth signal at the second source. Support for such limitations, which are not taught or suggested by the cited art, can be found at least in paragraphs [0007]-[0014] of the instant application.

As such, Applicant believes claim 1 is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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